

Campus Voice

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Robin Grainger on fitness for women

[Ed. Fitness Center Director and RLS adjunct Robin Grainger shares some thoughts on fitness for GCC women.]

"I work out at Gold's Gym in Keene, and I decided it would be fun to train with a specific goal in mind. So I started training last summer for competition. When I'm training for a competition, I train five

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Massage program integrates service learning into curriculum

As part of the tradition of compassionate action of the former Stillpoint Center School of Massage, Inc., the Stillpoint Program at GCC has continued its community service mission by adapting the college's service learning into its curriculum.

Associate Dean of Nursing and Health Occupations,

Margaret Craig knew that Stillpoint placed great value in Community Service and linked up Program Director Patricia

"The students were patient, kind, adaptable and gentle with the residents. They expressed genuine interest in them..."

—comments from a retirement community

Wachter with Service Learning Coordinator Linda Jablonski and Cheri Ducharme.

Thanks to grant money from the

Mass. Campus Compact, the program could fund

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GCC wins National Science Foundation Grant

Greenfield Community College, in partnership with Franklin County Technical School and Westfield State College, has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant worth \$420,000 over two years. "What this means," says Associate Dean Peter Rosnick, "is an expansion of opportunities for students in infor-

mation technology."

The grant application was a collective effort involving Rosnick, Dale MacLeod, Steve Budd, Bob Schilling, Elizabeth Roop, and people from our partner agencies and

institutions.

Rosnick originally conceived of the idea as a response to articles he had been reading about the shortage of people

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"It's been fourteen years since we started
—time to start all over again!"

—Tom Frederick

This old house: all spiffed up!

[Ed. Thanks to **Tom Fredrick, CPA, Adjunct Faculty**, for sharing his house saga with us!]

"My house is probably 60 years old. We've done a lot to it: we've remodeled the kitchen totally; we've remodeled the bathrooms downstairs and upstairs. The living room's been pretty much totally remodeled; in fact, almost every room in the house has been touched in one way or another. And except for the kitchen, we've done most of the rooms ourselves, including the office I'm sitting in. I work out of my house in what used to be

an old screened-in sun-porch which we converted into an office with a separate entrance. It's probably about 14 x 14.

Currently we're working on our stairway. Over the years it had been painted several times and then carpeted, and so we tore off all the carpeting and stripped it back down to bare wood. The balusters, the little pieces of the stairway, we ended up tossing—they were pretty well beaten up. The railing itself, and the newel post at the bottom of the stairs, those I saved, I stripped them all down and they're going to be repainted—kind of a bluish-gray for the stair treads, the newel

post and the railing. The risers will be white and the balusters will be stained a natural oak color. We've had stair treads made to match a big area rug in our living room. The hardest part was stripping the stairs: we had to heat-gun them all individually, strip the paint off by hand, and then finish with a chemical stripper. Putting it back together again is kind of the fun part. It's a nice past-time, it gives me a break from what I do normally. Believe it or not, we're pretty much through it once—time to start going back and re-doing some of the first rooms we did!"



Kudos to...

Peter Rosnick, who collected \$506 (and counting!) in donations for the GCC Foundation with his garden sale on May 3rd. "My garden still has far too many plants in it," says Pete, "that need to be thinned. If you were interested in getting some plants but weren't able to make it, please give me a call. And thanks to all who came and so generously donated to the Foundation."



Service Learning benefits are far-reaching

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the coordinating and implementation of the project by MTC faculty member **Jan Luzzi**. Key goals of service learning were to provide massage to populations underserved or "untouched" and who were part of non-profit programs.

Students have applied business, communication and practice skills to select teams, find sites, and organize promotion and

delivery of eight hours of seated chair massages. Journal writing, team presentations of process and results, use of evaluative instruments with service recipients for feedback, all combined to increase students' critical thinking and problem solving skills, as well as raising their self-esteem and confidence. Agencies served include ten sites in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"...The busy moms and a few dads with kids just loved having a few moments to themselves when we invited them to take advantage of the "gift of a chair massage." The kids in our play area are normally noisy—except during a "massage happening." Thank you so much for making community outreach a part of your program."

—Marilyn Gallant-Gabriel, Dir., Franklin No. Quabbin WIC Program.

"In the end, it's to have a better understanding of what we do as a college. . ."
—Colleen Kucinski

Letters



Fare Thee Well

"The Stillpoint Massage Program has much to be thankful for as we end our historic first year at GCC. The support of everyone at the college has been fantastic and warm. From the first day of moving in, the college community has shown unlimited patience, good humor and outstanding creativity in adapting a massage school into a college. I am proud to be a part of this institution.

"And to Associate Dean **Margaret Craig**, on behalf of the massage students, faculty and myself, we will "carry on!" Your vision, stamina, creative and open mind, and great gift of seeing the possible, has made you a key instrument in the historic unfolding of the emerging field of massage training and higher education. GCC and Stillpoint is losing an inspiring teacher, innovator, dean, and leader. And a true friend. Our deepest regards and blessings go with you."

—Patricia Wachter

Learning about ourselves... Self-Study focus on Standard #6: Student Services

[Ed. Thanks to **Colleen Kucinski**, chair of Self-Study Standard #6, Student Services, for sharing this progress report from her committee.]

"Right now, we've just finished the descriptive phase whereby we had to look at all of the services that students receive at GCC. These include computerized placement testing, admissions, enrollment management, the registrar, the Career Center, financial aid, student life, health services—those are the ones that fall under the Dean of Student Ser-

vices. Others that were included are Co-op Ed., the Learning Center, diversity, and athletics."

Working with **Colleen Kucinski** on Standard #6 are **Art Hannen**, Dean of Students; **Stacy Robinson**, Registrar's Office; **Vera Vlasenko**, division secretary for Math, Science and Business; and **Michael Bathory**, Learning Center counselor.

"My committee is wonderful," says Colleen. "Anything I asked them to do, they were there. They were very timely in getting things in. In fact, we had our draft done by April

14th! I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with.

"We've written it—now it needs to go out to the college community and they need to provide some feedback. From there we'll begin the appraisal process."

The hardest part thus far? "Finding the time to get everyone together," says Kucinski. The most rewarding? "Having a better understanding of what we do as a college—I'm looking forward to reading the draft reports of the other committees as well."



Jacqueline Ellis to study global perspectives in the humanities

Jacqueline Ellis, Adjunct Instructor, Humanities, is one of 30 community college teachers nationwide invited to participate in a Library of Congress

seminar, *Globalizing Regional Studies*. "We're so used to seeing things in nationalistic terms," says Ellis. "But as the world gets more technologically

advanced, it becomes smaller. So in some ways we're all global citizens; I think it's important to have a more international perspective."

GCC receives Phi Theta Kappa award at Anaheim convention

Fred Agnir accepted a trophy on behalf of GCC at the recent international convention of Phi Theta Kappa in Anaheim, in recognition of surpassing the organization's "Journey Challenge" to

increase membership in local chapters by at least 20 percent.

Agnir says that they were able to enroll 56 new members by April 1st, which exceeded last

year's membership by 46 percent!

GCC is one of only 72 chapters worldwide out of 1200 to receive the award. Only two out of 15 Mass. community colleges met the challenge.

**"The other piece of this [grant] is that we will have a strong connection with business and industry."
—Pete Rosnick**



NSF grant creates new educational pathways

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trained in information technology. "But what has evolved goes way beyond my initial ideas," he says. "Each of the participating schools is small, relatively speaking, and none of us could provide all the services that we'd like to be able to

provide in terms of information technology training. Nor can our businesses do the kind of training for themselves that they would like to do. So what this partnership does is pool our collective expertise. That allows us to offer so much more to the whole region through

distance learning, dual enrollment, and other cooperative arrangements." The partnership, to be known as the Rural New England Information Technology Partnership, will provide a coordinated approach to meeting regional information technology needs.

GED office awarded grant money from Dept. of Education

"It's called an Adult Education Grant," explains **Shana Frank**, GED Coordinator, "and it's an important source of funding for our program. Basically, it means that GCC doesn't have to spend so much—so that's really a benefit for the college! It's based on the

number of people who tested here at GCC in the past year. We're one of the smaller testing sites, but the only one in Franklin County!

"We're using some of that money to buy a printer for the office. And the grant will also pay for special accom-

modations testing. We had five students with disabilities who took the GED test here last year. That's an area that we could be even more active in because so many people might be eligible. The other exciting news is that we're going to start testing in Orange in June."

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days a week for about an hour a day. My goal in powerlifting now is to better my score that I set in April. I'd like to deadlift 300 pounds; I did 275 at the meet. In a deadlift, the barbell is on the floor and you're picking it up to about your waist.

I like how weight lifting makes me feel. I've gained a lot of self-confidence through weight-lifting, even before

I started powerlifting. I'm also a personal trainer at Gold's, and I like to emphasize that benefits to weight training are not just physical. When you're meeting goals that you set, you start feeling better about yourself. That's what keeps me in it.

The best way to get started is to meet with me personally or with one of the students and have one of us set you up with a program and a personal

goal. We have strength training machines, free weights, and cardiovascular machines here in the GCC fitness center. It's a good place to get started. I think one thing that keeps a lot of women away from weight-training is fear of gaining a lot of muscle mass, and it's really not true. It's a great sport to get into, just for fun—you don't have to compete. I would recommend it for pretty much everybody!

GCC Foundation sponsors largest ever Honors Convivium

The 36th Honors Convivium held May 5th and attended by 209 people was the largest ever, reports Allen J. Davis, Executive Director.

Three new scholarships were awarded, established by Helen E. and Fred E. Ellis; David Ellenbogen and Peggy Carey; and by friends of Charlie Carter.

Sixty-five people, including many GCC faculty and staff, sponsored one or more students being honored.

Allen Davis expresses his deep appreciation to Jane Abbot, Dottie Parrill, and all the faculty and staff who selected the scholarship recipients.